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This paper is a request for a continuation under 37 CFR §1.53(d) of:

Applicant: HIROAKI YAMAMOTO
Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE 4-HALO-3-HYDROXYBUTYRIC ACID ESTER



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Prior U.S. application no: 09/305,390
Filing Date: May 5, 1999

The prior application was complete as defined by 37 CFR §1.51(b), or was a national stage of an international application filed in compliance with 35 USC §371.

This request for a CPA is the reference to the prior application noted above as required by 35 USC §120. Kindly abandon the prior application in favor of the continued proceedings that are requested herein.

The prior application is assigned of record to Daicel Chemical Industries, Ltd., a Japan corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on September 23, 1999 at 010260/0704.

This request includes 2 sheets.

Enclosures:

- Preliminary amendment, 7 pages.
- Petition for Five Month Extension of Time, 1 page.
- Declaration of Hiroaki Yamamoto, 4 pages.
- Postcard.

The entire disclosure of the prior application is part of this application and is incorporated by reference.

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| Fee for multiple dependent claims | \$0 |
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A check for the filing fee and petition for extension of time is enclosed. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

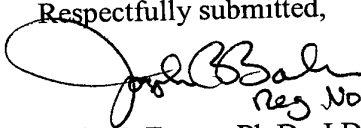
If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (858) 678-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

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